

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Randy Brodehl, on January 25, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 104, 1/23/2017; HB 107, 1/23/2017; HB 167, 1/23/2017

**HEARING ON HB 104****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:17 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 104, Statutory appropriation for Ground Water Investigation Program.

00:03:52 Rep. Woods joined the meeting

00:03:53 Rep. Burnett joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:49 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau, Montana Senior Water Rights

00:05:38 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:06:13 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:06:59 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:07:35 Jeff Wivholm, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:08:59 Collin Cooney, Trout Unlimited (TU)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

00:09:31 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:01 Rep. Holmlund

00:10:17 Rep. Glimm

00:11:10 Rep. Cook

00:11:24 Rep. Ellis

00:11:48 Rep. Glimm

00:12:02 Rep. Burnett

00:12:34 Rep. Glimm

00:14:12 Rep. Cuffe

00:16:14 Rep. Woods

00:17:04 Chair Brodehl

00:17:28 Rep. Glimm

00:17:48 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

00:18:42 Chair Brodehl

00:20:20 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

00:21:01 Rep. Woods

00:24:48 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:09 Rep. Glimm

**HEARING ON HB 107****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:43 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 107, Establish Surface Water Assessment and Monitoring Program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:03 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)  
00:27:35 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)  
00:28:16 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)  
00:28:49 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:29:16 Jeff Wivholm, Montana Association of Conservation Districts  
00:29:55 Collin Cooney, Trout Unlimited (TU)  
00:30:24 John Youngberg, MFB

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

00:30:46 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:08 Rep. Ellis  
00:33:11 Rep. Glimm  
00:33:34 Rep. Ellis  
00:36:33 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology  
00:36:50 Rep. Ryan joined the meeting  
00:37:44 Rep. Ellis  
00:38:14 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology  
00:38:22 Chair Brodehl  
00:39:18 Rep. Ballance joined the meeting and resumed Chair  
00:39:36 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:51 Rep. Glimm  
  
00:40:35 Recessed  
00:47:25 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HB 167****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:44 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 167, Encourage school-community partnerships for arts education.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:33 Rep. Woods  
00:49:05 Rep. Trebas  
00:49:29 Chair Ballance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:07 Rep. Trebas

**Committee Business:**

00:50:48 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:52:36

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph18aad.pdf](#))